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PUC starts off year with convocation



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Last year, faculty members lined up to hear opening remarks from Chancellor Howard Cohen. Cohen is scheduled to give opening remarks at this year's convocation.

Staff contribution

PUC plans to kickoff a new school year on Thursday, August 28, with the second annual Student Convocation.

The three-hour event starting at 11 a.m. at the university's Founders Plaza, located between the Student Union & Library and Gene Stratton Porter Hall will feature a procession of academic cap- and gown-attired Purdue Calumet faculty and administrators taking in remarks by Chancellor Howard Cohen.

Last year's event attracted around 1200 students, who had the opportunity to visit 36 student organizations and had the opportunities to eat a variety of free food including hotdogs, hamburgers, nachos and shaved ice.

This year, students and faculty are again invited for more free food and the chance to take in live music while being offered information from several booths occupied by PUC organizations.

"We introduced this convocation event last year as a way to welcome students into the Purdue

Calumet community of scholars," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Melinda Dalgarn said in a press release. "The event was so well-received that we anticipate making it a start-of-the-academic year tradition."

Some 2,000 students, faculty and staff are anticipated for the event that will help the PUC community interact and share PUC experiences.

"Our intent is to provide students a welcoming, festive start to their academic year and, for our freshmen, their college lives, at Purdue Calumet," Dalgarn said in the press release.

Free computer flash drives will be given out to students who attend the 'Welcome Tent.' Last year around 800 one GB flash drives were handed out by the end of the event.

Opening a debate over a lower drinking age

Anahad O'Connor
New York Times

It has only been a week since they announced their initiative, but already a group of college and university presidents is creating quite a stir over drinking ages — and whether they should be lowered.

The group, which named itself the Amethyst Initiative, released a statement this week calling for a "re-examination" of the current national standard, 21 years. Lest you think this mysterious group with an even more mysterious name — taken from Greek roots meaning "not" (a-) and "intoxicated" (methustos) — was a front organization for some bibulous college fraternity, or perhaps a shell group set up by the Beer Institute, the list of signatories on its Web site indicates that the group is very real.

In an unusual step for an advocacy organization, the group, numbering about 100 strong, says it is not calling for immediate action to lower the drinking age. Rather, the Amethyst people say they simply want to start a debate about the pros and cons of changing the age.

Of course, their statement tips off their leanings on the subject, by listing only what they see as the drawbacks to keeping the drinking

age at 21, not any advantages.

Chief among those drawbacks, in the college officials' eyes, is that the rule has created a "dangerous, clandestine" culture of binge-drinking among students, often taking place off campus. Even if they drink only moderately, the group said, students resort to using fake ID's to buy alcohol or get into bars, and end up making "ethical compromises that erode respect for the law." And it makes little sense, they say, that adults under 21 "are deemed capable of voting, signing contracts, serving on juries and enlisting in the military, but are told they are not mature enough to have a beer."

As one might imagine, the initiative quickly attracted the ire of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, various highway safety officials and organizations, and even a lecturer at the Harvard School of Public Health, who said the aim of the proposal was similar to "pouring gasoline to put the fire out."

A number of college and university presidents who declined to sign up for the initiative have now come out publicly against it, but others have been more receptive.

If the Amethyst group plans to move from spurring debate to spurring action for a lowered drinking age, it may face some hurdles. For one thing, a Gallup Poll last year found that 77 percent of Americans opposed lowering the drinking age to 18. For another,

though the drinking age is set independently by each state, a federal law enacted in 1984 effectively forces them to choose 21, by requiring any state with a lower age to forfeit 10 percent of its federal highway funds.

Whether you agree or disagree that the drinking age is the reason, there is ample evidence that binge drinking among college-age adults is a major problem:

— The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 90 percent of all alcohol consumed by people younger than 21 is in the form of binge drinking.

— The number of college students who were killed in alcohol-related accidents rose to more than 1,700 in 2001 from about 1,500 in 1998, and during the same time period, the number of students who engaged in drinking and driving climbed by 500,000, to 2.8 million.

— A recent Associated Press analysis of federal records found that between 1999 and 2005, 157 college-age people, 18 to 23, drank themselves to death.

Welcome to PUC let's dance



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After new student orientation for incoming international students, orientation leaders brought students up for a dance contest while the "Cha Cha Slide" plays in the background.

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Student Activities' Welcome Back Week Events

August 25-28

Student Organization Fair

Student Union Library Concourse

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

August 25

DJ

Student Union Library- Calumet Falls TV Room

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

August 26

Lunchtime Karaoke

Student Union Library- Calumet Falls TV Room

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

August 27

Movie & Popcorn "Iron Man"

Student Union Library - Calumet Falls TV Room

11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., & 4:00 p.m. (approximate showing times)

August 28

Convocation

Founders Plaza

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

New student organization

Men and women interested in gaining self-confidence and expressing self-image through dance, culture, and fashion can join Vanity Modeling Troupe.

Students interested contact Amanda Edward at edwada@calumet.purdue.edu.

Counseling for students

Students seeking counseling should feel free to stop in at the PUC Counseling Center located in Gyte room 5. No appointment necessary. Hours are Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11a.m., Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Movie day

Student Activities will be showing the movie Iron Man at Calumet falls on Wednesday the 27. Movie times are 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Lunchtime Karaoke

Lunchtime Karaoke is being sponsored by Student Activities on Tuesday, August 26. Be at Calumet Falls from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in order to try your vocal skills out.

The Second City returns

Back by popular demand, the legendary comedy troop, The Second City will perform live in Alumni Hall on Friday, September 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Discounted tickets for students are very limited at \$10 each while quantities last. Students must show PUC student ID at time of purchase. Tickets for Purdue Alumni Association - Calumet members are \$15. Tickets for all others are \$20.

This event is open to the general public. Doors will be open at 6 p.m. Call the alumni office for details at 989-2308.

Free Twinkies

On Wednesday, August 27 at 10:30 a.m., Twinkie the Kid will be walking around campus. He will be handing out free Twinkies to promote the intramural Twinkie eating contest. Twinkie the Kid will return on September 2 at 1:30 p.m. to promote the event.

Alumni Leaders Day

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 14 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will include an open forum, networking reception with hors d'oeuvres, and presentation of the outstanding alumni awards. Alumni Leaders Day is co-sponsored by the Purdue Alumni Association - Calumet and the Office of Career Services. For details, call the alumni office at 989-2308.

Welcome Back Week begins

Student organizations will be labeling to promote themselves during this first week of classes. Welcome Back Week will last from August 25 to August 27 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the SUL Concourse.

Mandatory Student Organization Training

Student organizations planning to be active this school year, must have their officers attend annual training prior to approval of events. Training is scheduled for Friday, September 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in SUL 321. To register for training, please go to <https://esc.calumet.purdue.edu/celd/calendar/showAllEvents.asp>. Deadline to register is Monday, September 5.

For more information or questions, please contact the Office of Student Activities at 989-2369 or studentactivities@calumet.purdue.edu.

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Learn outside of the classroom



Brian Bultema
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Not to burst the bubble of hopeful, bright-eyed freshmen, but this new level of your academic career will never be able to teach you everything you need to know.

No matter how much money you pay or how many years you dedicate to the pursuit of higher education you will never know all you need to if you just sit in class.

As I write this, I am sitting in the shadow of the Teton Range in Northwest Wyoming. I just finished a two-hour kayaking trip on Jackson Lake and am dreading the fact that in 72 hours I will be traveling back to Indiana. It's the third summer I've spent in Grand Teton National Park, and it gets harder to leave everytime.

And the reason is simple. Class.

It's not that the education at PUC is inadequate or that professors here do a poor job. It's the truth that there are so many things that cannot be learned within a classroom. In my three years working for Grand Teton Lodge Company at the Jackson Lake Lodge I have changed from a nervous, anxious twenty-year old into someone who's comfortable leaving home for months at a time and facing real responsibilities.

I always told myself when I started college that I would never deprive myself of a summer without classes with the goal of experiencing something away from home. And now I have lived up to that goal.

So why has this time away from the world of classes, professors and papers been beneficial?

Well, none of my classes at PUC have taught me how to manage my money, manage a team of ten workers, or work 50 hours per week. All this is expected, though, from every college graduate.

And the most important skill I've learned from my three years here is how to interact with virtually everyone. The lodge employs people from 18 to 85, from California to Turkey and from Muslim to Mormon. In a globalized world this becomes practically essential.

I know that other experiences could probably be more beneficial and none of this guarantees me a job. But without taking time to be out of the classroom I would be a much different person.

A successful life after college hinges on acquiring useful skills. Some can be gained through the classroom. Others can only be gained many miles from the classroom.

I acquired the latter in Wyoming.



Welcome back to the best day of the school year



Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

And so it comes, the beginning of a fresh new school year. My favorite day of the year is upon us: Syllabus Day.

A day we'll learn the obligatory essentials. We'll find out attendance is required, plagiarism is prohibited and get a list of books that we're about to get so overcharged it's laughable. Oh, and that book that you just shelled out 130 bucks for in August, is surprisingly, only worth 12 dollars in December. They literally should have security guards escort me out of the book store that day when the lady explains that they're using a new edition next semester.

Now, do me a favor and listen to the number one classroom rule: TURN OFF THAT CELL PHONE. It's just as uncomfortable for me as it is for you when the new Young Jeezy single is blaring from your backpack.

The professor will read the class bible to us, for some odd reason that we somehow managed to get into college without reading skills. And in some classes, we'll even get to go through the whole class roster while the teacher butchers every last name.

And who doesn't love when the professor asks if you prefer to be called by another name to let them know. I mean, like it will really break Pat's heart, if he is called by the name on his birth certificate, Patrick. No, in all seriousness, I've always wanted to let them know my name is Ryan, but I prefer Francis Carmichael III.

Oh, and who could forget the greatest part of syllabus day. All the red-blooded, heterosexual males, like myself, scope out the room for the smoking hot girls. We'll try to sit next to them on that second day – just in case for some odd reason we have to learn CPR in Spanish class and we're partnered with the person sitting next to us.

A little tip to all you fellas out there: get a good look, because that same cutie all dressed up, will more than likely be in sweats and an oversized hoody in three weeks till finals.

The professor is about to give the easiest assignment all term: "Alright, I'd like you all to say your name, where you're from and what your major is."

This is after of course they say a little about themselves. And please, I'd like all professors to do this. I've actually had some who just start lecturing without giving us a little insight on what makes them different than Hank, who works the third shift over at Speedway.

But regardless, syllabus day marks a fresh clean slate for the upcoming semester. And smile, because we're all pullin' straight A's.

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Organizations on campus

The issue: The amount of organizations PUC has to offer

Our opinion: Students should take advantage of the opportunities

At the beginning of every year, several PUC organizations request tables in order to promote their Purdue related job, intramurals, club, or Greeks with hopes of attracting people into joining. With a variety of offers, it would be in the student's best interests to check out some of what PUC has to offer.

PUC clubs gives students the opportunity to experience aspects of college life that might not usually be possible outside of the campus. Some clubs give students an opportunity to socialize with people, who they would not usually talk to, about certain issues or gather to perform certain activities together.

According to the PUC website has a large variety of clubs, including: honorary, professional, multicultural, performing arts, political and social action, publications, religious, and special interest.

The clubs can help people associate with people who share the

same interest. For example, those who are interested card battling and video games may find the Purdue University Gamers Guild to be a club that would peak their interest.

PUC is also filled with clubs based on occupation and future occupation. Some of the clubs include the Society for Human Resource Management, Finance and Accounting Club, Chemistry & Physics Club, among others.

There are clubs based on ethnic backgrounds like the Black Student Union, who often holds open discussion in Calumet Falls about topic based on today's culture, and the Los Latinos, who last year won the Purdue Alumni Association Calumet Most Active Organization for clubs established five years or more. Activity in such clubs could look good on a student's resume.

Students who are interested in competing in sports may find intramurals intriguing. Matt

Dudzik the intramural sports coordinator prepares a wide variety of sports related competitions from traditional sports like volleyball, basketball, and soccer to non traditional competitive activities like eating contests, baking, and rock paper scissors.

PUC has a large variety of clubs and activities to choose from, and as students generates so will the amount of clubs on campus. While the average student takes four to five years to get a degree, the student might want to join a club to get involved with a campus activity to gain a richer campus experience.

A full list of organizations can be found at

<http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/studentactivities/org/organizationlistings.html>

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Quick and easy gas tricks



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Prices might rising, but cutting costs can be easy with adjustments and maintenance. To learn more tips and tricks go to: edmunds.com and howtoadvice.com.

Olivia Castaneda
Staff Writer

There's no doubt that gas prices are slowly inching upwards with no end in sight. Here are some tips on how to make those hard earned dollars go further.

For starters, driving habits have to change. No one is being accused of being a bad motorist, but if these tips are followed, improvement in the fuel economy will boost 37 percent.

*First, keep up with the car's maintenance. Change the oil every 3,000 or 5,000 miles, according to the owner's manual.

*Make sure the air filter is changed regularly. Gas is especially wasted when the air filter is dirty because it doesn't allow proper air flow.

*Keep the tires properly inflated. If a tire is over or under inflated the engine has to work harder to compensate and hence uses more gas.

*Clean out anything heavy and unnecessary from the car. Weight decreases mileage.

*In the winter, knock off icicles from the car's body. They can weigh as much as 100 pounds.

*If driving down hill take your foot off the gas pedal.

*While driving down streets, make sure to go the speed limit. Not only will this avoid getting ticketed, but the street lights are

programmed in a way that green lights will most likely get caught when driving at a constant speed. Plus, when driving over 40 mph, the engine begins working harder, thus wasting more gas.

*When a light turns green, do not accelerate so hard that the car jerks.

*Before hitting the streets to run errands, plan the stops so that all errands are completed in one trip.

*When possible, car pool. Not only will everyone be in good company, car pooling reduces traffic and gas expenses and helps the environment. Double whammy.

*On expressways, use cruise control. This will help keep speed constant and save gas because the engine won't have to work so hard with changing speeds.

*Keep all windows up because open windows cause air drag which decreases 10 percent of the mileage.

*While at the pump, it is best to go either early in the morning or late in the evening. These times of the day are when gasoline is at its densest, which is caused by cooler weather.

*Lastly, do not give in to road rage because this causes a person to accelerate aggressively, obviously wasting precious gallons of gas. Of course, worrying about gas prices won't matter if the car's totaled in a road rage incident.

End of 'Twilight' series is a letdown

LeAnne Munoz
Staff Writer

Fanatics of the "Twilight" saga are sure to be disappointed once they crack open the spine of this long awaited tale.

"Breaking Dawn," the fourth and final installment of the beloved "Twilight" series by Stephanie Meyer, flew into bookstores August 2 and has already sold 300,000 copies.

The story begins much like the previous three, delving into the almost unhealthy, as well as epic, love story between 18-year-old Bella Swan and her vampire fiancé Edward Cullen.

Thankfully, the patient fans receive a treat early on in the story with the long awaited wedding scene between the love birds.

Much like the first three installments, this scene flows naturally, giving the reader the ability to use their imagination, as well as giving a sense of good things to come.

Yet as the story continues past the very eventful reception and onto the honeymoon, the plot becomes more and more watered down and as unbelievable as a story with vampires and werewolves can be.

In a surprising twist, the story is split from Bella's usual point of view and adds a chapter with narration from her werewolf / best

friend Jacob.

This adds an interesting perspective to the story, yet it is easy to see that this concept was formed only to spare Meyer from having to create a chapter that would have been far too difficult to put into writing if it were stolen from Bella's own thoughts.

Jacobs' interaction within his narrative paints a drastically different picture of the Bella that many readers have come to know and love.

While she is still overly dependent and self-indulgent, it is a sudden darker side that springs out of nowhere that does not seem within the realm of her character.

The first three books in the "Twilight" series were able to catch a sarcastic edge and humor within the characters that "Breaking Dawn" was not able to grasp.

Through one particular dilemma within the already thin plot, the once tightly bonded Cullen family seems torn into different directions, leaving the characters outside of their comfort zone; a seemingly recurring process in Meyer's writing style throughout this story.

Many of the scenes read as bad fan fiction- leading the main characters into overly graphic, as well as overly sexualized situations, that seem to be the workings of a hormonal teenager, rather than the likes of an established author of a well-loved series.

Much of Meyer's writing in "Breaking Dawn" seems very contradictory to the three prior books in this saga, almost as if she was not thinking through her own rules and regulations.

This leaves the reader only question if the plot has been forced down their throats as a last ditch effort to give them what they thought they wanted - a darker side to a good character.

While there were moments throughout the story in which the reader may crack a smile, the feelings behind those emotions just are not the same as the reaction to the three prior stories.

The ending of "Breaking Dawn" seems much too cliché by trying to tie up the saga with a neat little bow; with just a hinting that they might be another story along at some point and with it new characters and adventures.

While many fans may still want another story to quench their undying thirst, if any future "Twilight" books are similar to "Breaking Dawn," devoted fans should put a stake in the idea and let this series rest in peace.



theunquietlibrary.files.wordpress.com

Stephanie Meyer's last installment is hastened and far fetched making it a disappointment to all of the long time fans.

What was the first product to have a barcode on it?

weekly trivia

Quality food at quality prices

Mark Farner
Staff Writer

At last, enjoy Chicago-style hot dogs without the maddening entertainment taxes or the constant threat of being run over by grizzled taxi cab drivers. Take a trip to Portillo's Hot Dogs in Merrillville.

Born in the Chicagoland area, Portillo's first Indiana location opened in October of 2006. From the checkered tile and table cloths to the sleek chrome exterior, this Hoosier location looks like an old time diner.

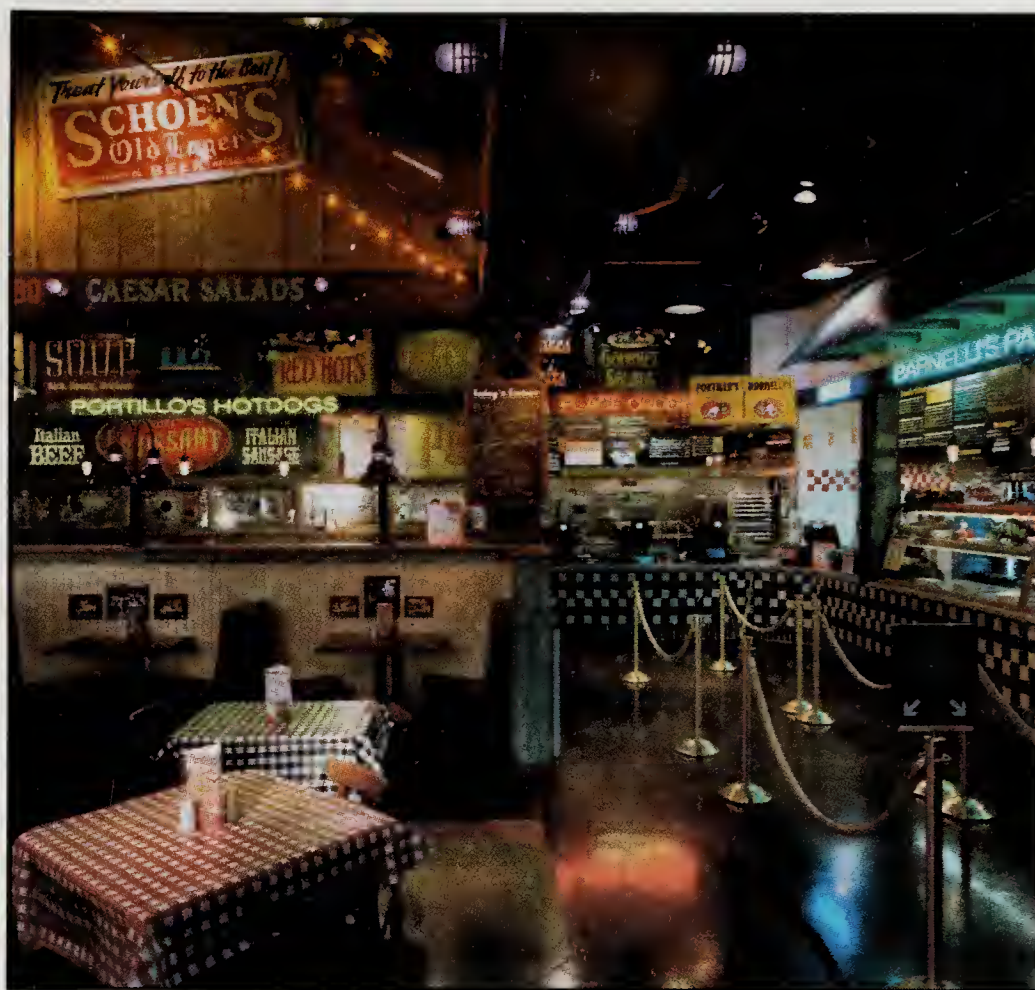
It's a restaurant with oldies rock music playing and crazy paraphernalia on the walls—black and white photos, traffic signs, farm equipment, soft drink memorabilia and much more.

The impression is the same as a Cracker Barrel or TGI Friday's. It's comfortable and entertaining at the same time but the real reason to come to Portillo's is the authentic food, not the thematic décor.

The food is hot and freshly made to order. The service is friendly and prompt with smiling employees quickly taking orders.

The hot dogs are their main staple, but other excellent choices include hamburgers, chicken, Italian beef sandwiches and chili.

They can also be paired with familiar side orders such as french fries, cheese fries, onion rings, and



Portillo's has a festive atmosphere, reasonable prices and quality food that leaves customers hungry for more. The Merrillville location makes it easy to enjoy a Chicagoland favorite.

Photo provided

chicken tenders.

The prices are fairly reasonable. \$2.25 for a hot dog and \$2.55 for a jumbo hot dog.

The Italian beef sandwiches, starting at \$4.29, are made with extra gravy, unless otherwise specified.

According to the menu, the sandwiches can be ordered dry, "very little gravy", extra gravy, "we splash a bit of gravy on the sand-

wich", or dipped, "we dip the sandwich in gravy."

With such a great menu, customers will be hard pressed to find something they don't like, but if so, Portillo's shares the same building with Barnelli's.

This Italian restaurant offers pasta, ribs, sandwiches and gourmet salads.

The bacon burger was superbly cooked with crispy bacon, fresh lettuce and ripe tomato all accompanied by a toasted bun.

Still, it was a tough competition with the hot dog slathered with freshly cut onions and bursting with mouth-watering flavor.

Try eating something other than the usual flabby patty from McDonald's. This time go for fresh, hot, delicious and unbeatable customer service.

Throw those frozen hot dogs out the window and head to Portillo's. One taste and customers will be hungry for more.

Check it out
for yourself:

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Thursday, August 28

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Here's what you can expect:

- Faculty Procession
- Opening Remarks by Chancellor Cohen
- Panel Discussion
Faculty and students discuss their college experiences
Moderator: Professor Maureen Marthaler
- Visit the Welcome Week Resource Fair and enjoy Lunch on the Lawn
Music, Grilled Burgers, Corn Cobbelettes, UPS Hot Dogs, Walking Tacos, Fruit Shake-Ups, Fudgepuppies, Soft Pretzels with Cheese, Nachos with Cheese, Candy Apples, Candy Pretzels, Cotton Candy, Hawaiian Shaved Ice, Bottled Water, and Soda
- and something FUN just for you
Stop by the Welcome Booth to learn how you can get one of these...

a 1 GB Jump Drive -- WOW!
makes you want to join the fun, eh?

Horror flick succeeds at being gruesome

Darshei Goode
Staff Writer

In the movie "Mirrors", released August 15, Kiefer Sutherland stars as Ben Carson, an NYPD detective-turned-security guard who discovers something sinister lurking in the mirrors of a fire-damaged department store in Haute Tension.

Increasingly isolated from his wife and kids, Ben spends most nights crashed-out at his sister Angela's (Amy Smart) apartment in Queens. But Ben hasn't given up hope just yet.

To get his life back together and prove that he's still capable of supporting his family, he takes a job as the night watchman at the Mayflower department store.

The Mayflower used to be a lavish symbol of inner-city prosperity, that is, until a raging inferno gutted the building claiming numerous lives in the process.

These days the Mayflower is a scorched reminder of human misery, the ornate mirrors therein reflecting a suffering so profound that it begins to wear on Ben's already fragile psyche.

Not only that, but whatever force dwells behind the shimmering glass seems to have gained the power to alter reality as well.

While his sister is always willing to lend a sympathetic ear, she chalks the anomalies up to an unusually potent mix of stress and anxiety.

Unfortunately for Ben, his estranged wife Amy (Paula Patton) isn't nearly as forgiving. Amy fears that Ben's erratic behavior could be placing their children in danger.

As Ben begins to draw connections between his increasingly gruesome visions and a former Mayflower security guard who vanished without a trace, he begins to suspect that an unimaginable evil is using the mirrors as a gateway into the real world.

Perhaps if Ben can manage to convince Amy that their children's lives are at risk, he can summon the courage to face the greatest evil he has ever known.

The filmmaker provides some effectively gruesome shocks, especially with a memorable onscreen death of a main character.

There's also the full feeling of the movie as the actors do an excellent job of portraying the emotions they are trying to portray.

The movie delivers a number of shocking moments and is sure to make one stay on the edge of the seat anticipating the next moment.

If being scared and maybe sick to the stomach is the goal, then this is the movie is a sure ticket. The movie also delivers a turn of events when it reveals is uncommon ending, which may be the only disappointing part.

Rated R for strong violence, disturbing images, language and brief nudity.

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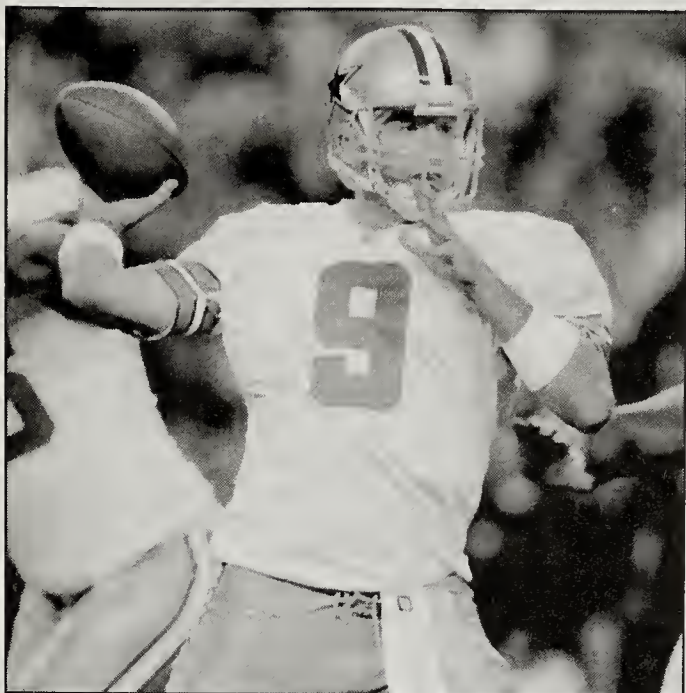
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Fantasy Footballers get ready



Yahoo Sports
Tony Romo passed for 4,211 yards and 36 touchdowns last season.

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

As we get ready to enter the month of September, it seems the only thing to look forward to is the start of the new NFL season.

Millions watch their favorite team battle it out with another for grid iron supremacy every week. However, with the booming popularity of internet games over the last several years, a new way for them to get involved with their favorite teams and players is right below their finger tips.

Fantasy football has exploded, and its popularity seems to be growing.

According to the executive-search firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas, around 14 million people play fantasy football every year. The competition is also pretty serious. SportingNews.com offers users up to \$45k dollars in prizes for winners.

With the madness that this game has become, who would believe its roots trace all the way back to the 1960's.

On a 1962 road trip through the east coast, former Oakland Raiders limited partner Bill Winkenbach, Oakland Tribune beat writer Scotty Stirling and Raiders public relations officer Bill Tunnell made plans to develop their own fantasy football league. What just started out as a game among Oakland Tribune staff and members of the Raiders organiza-

tion has turned in to a multi-million dollar industry.

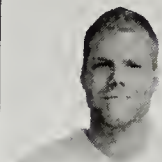
The foundation set by Winkenbach has paved the way for a much more advanced league. Live drafts are held during the pre season and team owners can research player's career stats, as well as look up projected numbers for the upcoming season. Fantasy Football has now become a staple in American culture.

The game has players all over the country; even some NFL stars enjoy creating their own fantasy team. Tampa Bay Buccaneers Linebacker Cato June is a self-admitted fantasy football player. Tight end Chris Cooley of the Washington Redskins had a career high three touchdown catches in a game against the Dallas Cowboys in 2005. Cooley also admits that this stellar performance knocked his fantasy team out of the playoffs, as the team he was playing had him in their starting lineup.

A study by Dr. Kim Beason at the University of Mississippi has found that fantasy sports players spend three hours per week managing their teams, and an average of 34 minutes per day "thinking" about fantasy sports. Also, 55 percent of those surveyed said they now watch more sports on television that they did prior to playing fantasy sports.

Maybe, living in this fantasy world can help some deal with the reality of studying and homework.

Bring new games to London



Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

You can stop waving your American flags now. The torch is blown out on the Beijing Olympics, and I'm left with three major thoughts:

1. The fact I now know an unhealthy amount of pointless information about Michael Phelps (apparently he had a fat cheeseburger with fries right after capturing his eighth gold).

2. There were some really pathetic displays of sportsmanship.

3. I can't believe NBC paid \$894 million to broadcast some of this worthless stuff.

I suppose it could be my American ignorance, or that fact I just have a hard time getting fired up for 67-year-old man named Hoketsu, from Japan, jumping around on a horse for the equestrian event (yes, that really happened), or how about the women's trampoline events or would a little men's double badminton do it for you?

Here's my general rule of thumb when evaluating athletes: If you keep your equipment in a gun case, like the air rifleists do, then it's not a sport and certainly not worth our time.

With all that being said, and the fact that baseball and softball are being dropped at the next games, I came up with a great idea about bringing some more attention to the 2012 Games in London. Add these sports....

Corn hole (aka bags, soft horseshoes or baggo): Granted, the uniforms would probably look like a NASCAR tailgating afternoon, but a cut-off t-shirt and some jean shorts with an American flag patch would work, right? They wouldn't even need to build an arena, just throw all these guys out in the parking lot of the track and field venue.

Throw some Skynyrd on the speakers, start up the grill and let's officially decide the world's best.

Beer Pong: I know what you're thinking, there is no chance any of us would have a shot at the medals against the Irish, but I've seen some pretty mean games here in the States.

The qualifying rounds for the U.S. team would probably be held at some Sigma Chi frat house, but hey, now we all would have a solid excuse for the parents. Mom, I was being very productive and practicing on Saturday night!

Bull Riding: Sure, the 70 pound Chinese gymnast girl can do wonders on the uneven bars, but strap her down to a 1,900 pound bull named Ralphie, and now we got ourselves some must watch TV.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Ryan Metz at chronicle_sports_editor@yahoo.com or call 989-2547

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Tony Romo
Dallas Cowboys

Running Back :
Brian Westbrook
Philadelphia Eagles

Wide Receiver :
Larry Fitzgerald
Arizona Cardinals

Tight End :
Antonio Gates
San Diego Chargers

Sleeper :
Thomas Jones
New York Jets

Bust :
Kyle Orton
Chicago Bears

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PUC hires new men's basketball coach



Voudrie

Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

PUC hired Dan Voudrie, a former Olivet Nazarene University assistant, on July 9 as men's head basketball coach.

Voudrie emerged out of a second search, with the first search earlier in the summer coming to finalists and nothing materializing. The Morton, Ill. native was appointed the position after more than 120 coaches applied.

The 35-year-old, is a 14-year college basketball veteran, who will be assuming his first men's head coaching position. Voudrie will take over a program that went 6-23 last season and had Grayling Gordon resign in the spring after his lone season on the job.

"What Dan brings is a terrific personality and a very strong work ethic," PUC Athletic Director Robert Bunnell said, "I don't think anyone will outwork this guy. He brings enthusiasm and an outstanding NAIA basketball pedigree to our program."

After graduating from Bradley (Ill.) University, he went on to hold assistant men's coaching positions at Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio) University and Indiana Wesleyan University.

"The position at PUC was appealing to me, first and foremost, was because of the academic reputation of the Purdue University system," said Voudrie. "The pretty close second factor was the basketball tradition that's rampant throughout the state of Indiana and in particular the Northwest Indiana region."

Following his father, Stan Voudrie, a veteran coach in Illinois, the Peregrines new coach has grown up studying and always wanting to coach basketball.

"I was a math major at Bradley, but unofficially maybe a coaching major with a math degree."

Indiana Basketball News in two separate seasons has recognized Voudrie as the top recruiter among NAIA assistants. Since being appointed the coach, Voudrie has worked with the players in small groups through the summer to improve their skills and get a chance to learn about his players.

"One of the things we've tried to do in the first six weeks on the job is to focus on building relationships with the student athletes, as well as the people across the cam-

pus community that can allow us to improve on a daily basis."

With 12-16 players trying to make their way on the roster, including three incoming freshman recruits, Voudrie will try to play a fast but efficient style of play which he will adapt after evaluating the group.

"Our focus is daily improvement," Voudrie said, "I know that right now we're not a championship level team, but our goal is if we improve every day we could possibly be by February."

"The personal has been great to work with their eagerness and willingness to work. And it's been surprisingly more talented than I had maybe perceived on paper. I'm really excited and encouraged. The ability level is higher than I thought it would be."

Ohio State, again, top of class in Big Ten



Yahoo Sports

James Laurinaitis won the Nagurski Award (nation's best defensive player) in 2006 and the Butkus Award (nation's best linebacker) last season.

Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

Ohio State has reached Big Ten dynasty status, only to have one major problem: Getting thrashed in the national championship games. The SEC speed of Florida and LSU has given the Buckeyes fits in the past two BCS championships.

With the return of an experienced, talented roster in Columbus, **Ohio State** will be the favorite to win the Big Ten crown again and make another trip to the BCS title clash. A championship would mark their third consecutive outright Big Ten title (No school has won three straight outright titles).

The best offensive and defensive players in the league also suit up for the Buckeyes: Chris Wells and James Laurinaitis. Wells, a 6'1", 237-pound junior running back, rumbled for 1,609 yards last season, which included 222 yards and two touchdowns in the rivalry game against Michigan. Laurinaitis returns for his senior season at linebacker and holds down a defense that has an embarrassment of riches including shutdown corner Malcolm Jenkins and defensive end Cameron Heyward.

Sixth-year senior Todd Boeckman will keep the quarterback seat warm before unleashing highly touted Terrelle Pryor. The 6'6", Pryor was the nation's number one recruit, and broke the hearts of Michigan and Penn State with his decision to pick the scarlet and gray. Look for Jim Tressel and his coaching staff to find ways to work

in Pryor, like working him in select series to take advantage of his run-pass abilities.

Wisconsin will make a push for second prize with a talented defense and a running game that is powered by an always solid line and junior running back P.J. Hill, along with a stable of other backs. A quarterback position up for grabs won't matter all that much as long as they throw the ball to talented tight end Travis Beckum.

The stock report is up for **Illinois**, after Ron Zook took his team to the Rose Bowl last season. Shaky quarterback Juice Williams will have to do a better job throwing the ball, and that shouldn't be a problem as long as he gets it into the hands of the Big Ten's best receiver, Arrelious Benn. Zook has done a great job of bringing speed to Champaign—and that list starts with cornerback Vontae Davis, who's a blazer destined for the NFL.

Michigan football is under construction with the arrival of coach Rich Rodriguez. The first-year coach will install his spread offense with one major problem: No quarterback to orchestrate it. Seems everyone left, including offensive lineman Justin Boren to none other than Ohio State, after saying the new program lacked "family values."

Joe Tiller will enter his 12th and last season at **Purdue** as the school's winningest coach. Quarterback Curtis Painter is the league's best passer with a strong and accurate arm, and his best option could be handing off the ball to the tailback tandem of Kory Sheets and Jaycen Taylor. The ero-

sion on defense will need to improve if the Boilers want to send out Tiller to his 11th bowl game at Purdue.

Coaching **Penn State** for his 43rd year, Joe Paterno will have a wealth of talented senior receivers with Derrick Williams, Deon Butler and Jordon Norwood. The storyline will be if this is Paterno's last season or if he is pushed out of the door.

Iowa missed their first bowl game since 2000 last season, in large part due to bad quarterback play and a flurry of off-season troubles for coach Kirk Ferentz's program. The program has hit the skids after a nice 31-7 run from 2002-04.

A soft early schedule for **Northwestern** will help a program that is trying to get on track with third-year coach Pat Fitzgerald. A prolific offense will be once again led by quarterback C.J. Bacher who threw for 19 TDs last season.

Running back Javon Ringer has game breaking speed for **Michigan State**, which will be in the middle of the pack in the Big Ten.

Ending a 13-year drought, **Indiana** played in a bowl game last season. Pre-season junior All-American defensive end, Greg Middleton, who led the country with 16 sacks last season, and quarterback Kellen Lewis are the Hoosier players that opponents will key on.

The Metrodome will host **Minnesota** for its last season, before moving into an on-campus stadium that Gopher fans hope will help boost the program.

Nation's Top 5

1. USC
2. Oklahoma
3. Georgia
4. Ohio State
5. Florida

President Who?

The 81-year-old legendary coach, Joe Paterno has been a coach at Penn State since the Harry Truman administration—his 373 wins are tied for the most all-time along with Florida State's Bobby Bowden.

Drink for the Irish

Sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen, got into more problems with drinking in the off season, after photos appeared

on the Internet showing Clausen and two other Notre Dame teammates attending a so-called "Beer Olympics."

After only a 3-9 record last season in South Bend, Clausen will have lots of pressure to be better this season.

Big Man on Campus

Freshman receiver Julio Jones, a big (6-4, 215) receiver who leads a loaded recruiting class at Alabama was voted third in

Alabama's student president election last spring thanks to write-in votes

Speed Kills: Some of the nation's fastest players

1. Percy Harvin, Florida, WR
2. Noel Devine, West Virginia, RB
3. Joe McKnight, USC, RB

Matchups to look forward to:

Aug. 30: Missouri vs. Illinois
Sept. 13: Ohio St. at USC

Oct. 11: LSU at Florida
Nov. 1: Florida vs. Georgia
Nov. 22: Texas Tech at Oklahoma

2009 Mock NFL Draft

1. Matthew Stafford, QB, Georgia
2. Michael Crabtree, WR, Texas Tech
3. Rey Maualuga, MLB, USC

---Ryan Metz